

WATERSHED STEWARDS TRAINING
SEPTEMBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 19, 2003

Week 1	Wednesday September 17, 2003
6:30 p.m.	Introduction to Extension – Find out what WSU Extension is all about and what we expect of you as a volunteer
7:30 p.m.	Watersheds – Discover the definition of a watershed and learn about each of the watersheds in Clark County. We will discuss some of the challenges that face each of our watersheds. <i>Gary Bock, WSU Extension</i>
Week 2	Wednesday September 24, 2003
6:30 p.m.	The Basics of Water – Water connects all aspects of the environment. Find out how this makes water the driving force behind environmental policy in Washington. <i>Rusty Post, Washington State Department of Ecology</i>
7:30 p.m.	Environmental Law – What events and public attitudes drove the major environmental legislation enacted in America? What effect does this legislation have on our daily lives? <i>Gary Bock, WSU Extension</i>
Week 2	Saturday September 27, 2003
9:30 a.m.	Native Plant Resources – Learn to identify some of our native plants and find out which are most effective for stream and wetland restoration. Learn to plant plants properly and how to protect them from damage. <i>Jim Comrada, Habitat Systems NW</i>
11:30 a.m.	Lacamas Lake Trail – Take a walk along the trail, identify some plants, and check out some of the best wetland habitat in the county. This field trip will show you the wild side of Lacamas Lake.
Week 3	Wednesday October 1, 2003
6:30 p.m.	Clark County Geology – Together we will explore the geology of Clark County and the Pacific Northwest. Learn about the relationship between surface water and the ground water that we all drink. <i>Rod Swanson, Clark County Watershed Resources</i>
7:30 p.m.	The Missoula Floods – Some 12 to 15 thousand years ago during the last ice age, a series of floods swept through Washington, forever changing the landscape. We will view a video about the effects of these floods.
Week 4	Wednesday October 8, 2003
6:30 p.m.	Water Quality Monitoring – What, where, why, and how are just a few of the questions to ask as we prepare to monitor water quality. Learn about the questions to ask and how to design a monitoring program to help answer those questions. <i>Ron Wierenga, Clark County Watershed Resources</i>
7:30 p.m.	Benthic Macroinvertebrates – What do bugs have to do with

	water quality? Everything! We'll find out how to catch, identify, and determine what bugs indicate about water quality. <i>Judy Bufford, Watershed Steward</i>
Week 4	<i>Saturday October 11 and Sunday October 12, 2003</i>
All Day <i>Optional Field Trip</i>	Bird Fest – Join many of our current Watershed Stewards at this popular two-day event. There will be lectures, hikes, and special events all weekend long. Plus, it's a great opportunity to see first-hand what the Watershed Stewards do for outreach. <i>Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge</i>
Week 5	<i>Wednesday October 15, 2003</i>
6:30 p.m.	Endangered Species Act – What endangered fish live in Clark County and what streams do they inhabit? Find out what the county is doing to protect these fish and what new regulations residents may be faced with. <i>John Tyler, Clark County ESA Program</i>
7:30 p.m.	Salmonids in the Columbia System – Discover the challenges salmon face as they navigate the Columbia River and all the tributaries that enter the river in Clark County. <i>Tammy Mackey, US Army Corps of Engineers</i>
Week 5	<i>Saturday October 18, 2003</i>
9:00 a.m.	Soils – Soil is the foundation of a healthy ecosystem. Learn about the soils in Clark County and how soils affect, and are affected by, water. We will do a lab to learn to identify different types of soil. <i>Steve Keirn, Clark Conservation District</i>
11:30 a.m.	East Fork of the Lewis River – We'll take a look at this jewel and test some of our monitoring skills in the process.
Week 6	<i>Wednesday October 22, 2003</i>
6:30 p.m.	Erosion Control – Construction can cause plenty of pollution. Find out about the methods being used by local builders to keep mud and other pollutants from running off construction sites. <i>Sheila Pendleton-Orme, Clark County Community Development</i>
7:30 p.m.	Mud and Manure Management – Animals can also be a major contributor to pollution. Learn what methods local landowners can apply to keep pollution out of our streams. <i>Penny Ramey, WSU Extension</i>
Week 7	<i>Wednesday October 29, 2003</i>
6:30 p.m.	Weed Management – Some of the most common plants in the county are weeds! Find out what the county is doing to control weeds while protecting water quality. Learn how to control weeds at restoration sites. <i>Phil Burgess, Clark County Weed Management</i>
7:30 p.m.	Integrated Pest Management – Nobody want bugs eating their garden. Learn practical ways to manage insects using a variety of techniques that protect water quality. <i>Charles Brun</i>

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Week 8	Wednesday November 5, 2003
6:30 p.m.	Restoration Techniques – By carefully examining a stream or river, it is possible to engineer a way to bring back natural function. See some of the fabulous restoration work going on right now in Clark County. <i>Tony Meyer, Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group</i>
Week 9	Wednesday November 12, 2003
6:30 p.m.	Civil Rights – Washington State University and Clark County are both increasing efforts to address the diverse population of the county. Find out what's happening and how it will affect our outreach efforts. <i>Doug Stienbarger, WSU Extension Director</i>
7:30 p.m.	Effective Outreach – Most of us will be involved in outreach efforts of one kind or another. Here's a chance to learn some simple, effective techniques to get the most out of your time spent with the public. <i>Gary Bock, WSU Extension</i>
Week 10	Wednesday November 19, 2003
6:30 p.m.	Volunteer Ideas Fair – Explore some of the great projects going on right now in Southwest Washington. <i>Fish First, Trout Unlimited, Sierra Club, Wolfree, Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center, Water Resources Center, Vancouver Audubon</i>